THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister is here. Today it is Mr. Faleiro's day.

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: Would the hon. Minister like to make the statement now?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you willing to make the statement now?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I can make it now.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is making the statement now.

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: Let him finish, Madam. Then I will continue.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER— Re. Alleged Bank Account of Shri Ajeya Singh in St. Kittis

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): Madam, this morning some questions were raised regarding this matter which was a matter of public importance, and I seek the leave of the House to make the following statement:

It will be recalled that some national dailies carried on August 22, 1989 reports relating to the maintenance of a bank account in St. Kitts, a Carribean island, by Shri Ajeya Singh, son of Shri V. P. Singh. It was stated in these newspapers that an amount of US $ 21 millions had been deposited in an account maintained in the First Trust Corporation Ltd., St. Kitts. The newspaper reports alleged that the account was maintained in the name of Shri Ajeya Singh and that Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh was its beneficiary. On September 11, 1989 Shri Ajeya Singh, son of Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh came to India and issued a press release on the 13th September, 1989, denying that he ever had any account in First Trust Corporation or any other bank in St. Kitts. He also denied having ever visited St. Kitts. Shri Ajeya Singh also stated that he came to India to make himself available to the Government for any inquiries or investigation.

As some aspects of this transaction could attract provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, the Directorate of Enforcement issued a Directive under Section 33(2) of the FERA, 1973 to Shri Ajeya Singh on 13th September, 1989, which was replied to by Shri Ajeya Singh on 18th September, 1989. Since the information furnished by Shri Ajeya Singh in response to the Directive dated 13th September, 1989 was incomplete in several respects, the Directorate issued another Directive to Shri Ajeya Singh on 28th September, 1989. The reply to the second Directive has also been received by the Enforcement Directorate on 9th October, 1989. However, the reply received is still not complete and certain details have been promised to be furnished.

In the meanwhile, the Directorate of Enforcement has carried out inquiries regarding maintenance of bank account in the First Trust Corporation, St. Kitts. Preliminary inquiries suggest that some time in September, 1986, a functionary of the First Trust Corporation, Mr. Mclean, was approached by a person in connection with the Special Investment Programme of the Corporation. This person indicated the intention of opening a numbered account for depositing a substantial amount of money. After the details had been settled, requisite forms for opening the account were taken by this per-

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son. After two weeks the same person returned and presented to the Corporation through its Managing Director, Mr. Mclean, completed forms duly signed by Shri Ajeya Singh as 'account holder' and Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh as 'beneficiary'. Photostat copies of the passports of Shri Ajeya Singh and Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh were also handed over to Mr. Mclean. On September 16, 1986, numbered account 29479 was opened with a cash deposit of US $2 million. In all six deposits totalling US $21 million were made on different dates. The details are as follows: 16-9-1986—2 million $, 16-10-1986—2 million $, 13-12-1986—5 million $, 18-1-1987—3 million $, 24-2-1987—5 million $, 26-3-1987—4 million $.

It is learnt that under the rules of the Corporation an account of this type could have been opened by an agent of the principal. Further inquiries are being conducted to verify the information that has come into the possession of the Directorate of Enforcement. Thank you.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I would have honestly preferred a full-fledged discussion through a motion and also a more complete participation in terms of the total ramifications of this case. It is not, as I said in the very beginning and explained to the Chairman in his chamber today, it is not a question of somebody opening an illegal account and engaging in criminal activity, it has very wide ramifications because it impinges on the whole campaign that has been going on by Mr. V. P. Singh in the last two years. Now corruption, whether it is on the ruling party side or by the opposition, ought to be exposed and certainly we have in the Janata party tried to do this as best as we can.

Today is the 11th of October, which happens to be the birthday of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan and I am touched to see that the Janata Dal which swears by Jayaprakash Narayan did not even remember him this morning either in Parliament or elsewhere outside. And if anything Jayaprakash Narayan taught his followers and the Janata Party and his followers is that corruption is not a party issue. It is an issue which has to be tackled in an unbiassed way. Of course, since we have made it a practice not only to speak about the ruling party corruption but also of the Janata Dal's corruption, we in the Janata Party are frequently criticised for favouring the ruling party; in fact, being called as the agents of the Congress Party and so on. But that does not deter us. The fact of the matter is that for a long time now I have regarded Mr. V. P. Singh as an impostor, as a confidence-trickster, as a person unfit to lead the opposition and the reasons were that I had not only this against him but an array of his corruption. Now, what is interesting to see is that the quality of proof today being demanded is asymmetrical. On Bofors it appears in a newspaper and it becomes unimpeachable proof. Well I am not saying that if something appears by way of a document in the *Hindu* newspaper or in any other newspaper, it should not be taken cognizance of, but here is a matter which has appeared in several reputed newspapers abroad and in India like the *Telegraph*, the *Hindustan Times* and the *Times of India* and of that they do not want to take any cognizance. As you may be aware, today in the chamber of the Chairman when I tried to couple this with the Bofors discussion, you saw the reaction,

Madam Deputy Chairman, of most of my colleagues in the opposition. They did not want to have anything to do with this discussion. But the fact is that this is as important a factor; in fact, it is more important because Mr. Vishwanah Pratap Singh has today tried to portray himself as a massiah, as a person who can deliver the country from corruption, and if it turns out that he is engaged in the very same thing that he is accusing the ruling party of, then we want none of it and we would like to see him exposed first before we take on the ruling party itself.

Now, according to the statement made by the Minister, investigations are still going on. I would like to know from the Minister when can he come and give us all the facts, the complete facts, whether he could do it before the 17th or not, before the session ends, or, would he make a commitment that he would make a public statement, by not later than 1st November. The fact of the matter is, the important thing the Minister said in his statement which has not appeared in the press so far is the very fact that Mr. McLean who is the Managing Director or whatever he is called of the first Trust Corporation, has in his possession the photostat copies of the passports of these two gentlemen, Mr. Ajeya Singh and Mr. V. P. Singh. Now, indeed, one of the things that has been said is that anybody can open an account in the name of somebody else to defame him. But I can tell you that to the extent my investigations show, it is impossible to open an account on behalf of anybody unless the passport is also submitted. And, indeed if Mr. McLean is in possession of the photostat copies of passports of these two gentlemen, the father and son-team, then I would consider that as a clinching evidence of their having indeed opened that account. I would suggest that Government contact the Prime Minister of St. Kitts. The Prime Minister of St. Kitts I believe is going to be in Malysia and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi is also going to be there and I think government to government contact should be established and his help should be sought, because clearly this money that has been deposited there is illegal. Now I would say that if Mr. V. P. Singh denies it or his son denies it-I don't know anything about his son; but I do know that Mr. V. P. Singh denying something is not necessarily the truth or that he is speaking truth. Take for example Hershman's case. In the case of Michael Hershman, Mr. V. P. Singh on oath before the Thakkar-Natarajan Commission said: "I first heard of Michael Hershman when the matter came in *The Statesman* on 12th of March 1987. Before that, I did not know that Mr. Hershman had been hired by the Finance Ministry or had been employed as the informer or whatever." But the fact of the matter is that there are minutes of the Finance Ministry meeting of the NRI Consultative Committee held on 4h of January 1987 that is, good two and a half months before, where Mr. V. P. Singh as the Finance Minister chaired the meeting, and one Prafull Patel raised the big shindig in that meeting about hiring Mr. Michael Hershman. There was a hot argument between him and Mr. V. P. Singh. In other words, Mr. V. P. Singh knew all along that Mr. Hershman had been hired. At least he knew it on 4th of January 1987. But now he has been maintaining that he never heard his name till *The Statesman* published it. There are many other lies that I could point out and I would be surprised if this is not a great cover-up. After all, it is a matter of great shock and I am surprised that many members of the press who are today rooting Mr. V. P.

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Singh, knowing this are not going to take cognizance of it. In fact, they get upset if I take cognizance of it. We know for example that Mr. V. P. Singh had donated some land to the Bhoodan Movement, and we know that subsequently after getting all the publicity and after Acharya Vinoba Bhave declared Mr. V. P. Singh as another Siddnartha and Gautam Buddha and so on, his wife who is still his wife and is on good terms with him, went to the Allahabad High Court and declared that the land which was donated to Bhoodan and taken over by the State Government, should be returned to her and the family because Mr. V. P. Singh is a lunatic who had spent time in Agra mental hospital. The discharge slip was presented in the court and his wife then added that even today he has bouts of insanity and in one of those bouts of insanity he gave away this land. I am not getting these facts from the Congress (I). I have got this from the speech made by Mr. Mulayam Singh Yadav who is today the leader of opposition in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly and who is a Janata Dal leader. He said this in his speech that he made in the UP Assembly and I have got these facts. When I privately ask these very people, they say we stand by it but now what to do, he is our leader. Well, I do not think such helplessness should be exhibited by political leaders, but the fact of the matter is that the land given away to bhoodan was taken away. Mind it, the land was given to bhoodan and not to some relatives and that land given away to bhoodan is taken back. The Allahabad High Court upheld the wife's plea and the land was returned. The wife has added that even today he has bouts of insanity. Now here is a man who is claiming to be the Prime Minister of India. He is suffering from bouts of insanity. In any other country they would demand an independent enquiry by three psychiatrists and they would demand that he should subject himself to such an enquiry and get a clean bill of health. For example, when John Kennedy had adrenalin problem there was a doubt whether he could exercise the office of the President, there was a widespread demand in the United States of America that Mr. John Kennedy should undergo medical test and produce a medical certificate. Three medical experts examined him and produced the medical certificate that he was fit. So, I would say that India is such a large country with so many pressures in office and here we cannot afford a person whose wife has declared him having undergone mental treatment and who is suffering from bouts of insanity. Indeed, many people privately told me that oh, that is all a ploy to get the land back, but in that case it is even more serious.

A person can stoop to such a level or his wife to stoop to such a level to get the land back, that means he could do anything when he would be in difficulty.

We know about the Dahiya Trust matter. Here again I have not got this material from the Congress (I) or the Government. I got it from the speech made by Choudhry Charan Singh on the floor of Lok Sabha, where Mr. V. P. Singh was able to obtain a huge compensation, nearly one crore of rupees by declaring bushes as trees and that he did while he was the Chief Minister.

I have also given to the President of India the five plots of land in Greater Kailash sold by Mr. V. P. Singh at one-third of the market value, that is, the regist-

ration value was one-third of the market value. When the income-tax authorities sent a notice, he said—he made his wife write a letter, he gets all the dirty works done through his wife—that they were in acute financial stress and, therefore, they sold the Greater Kailash property, five of them, below the market value. If you want to sell land in Greater Kailash and even if you are in financial stress—I do not know in what financial stress he was, at that time he was the Deputy Minister for Commerce in the Central Government and I do not know whether he then brought it to the notice of the Prime Minister that he was in acute financial stress—anybody would give you much more value without even advertising. In any case, I did take the trouble to hunt out who were the buyers. All of them told me that Mr. V. P. Singh demanded black money and we gave two-thirds of the value of money in black and one-third was registered. Now one could argue that the property laws in India, the stamp duty laws in India were stupid, they need to be changed. But then who would change the stamp duty laws? These laws would be changed by the Finance Minister. If Mr. V. P. Singh has experienced something below dignity things, as Finance Minister he should have changed the property law and the stamp duty law. Instead what did he do? He filed a case against Kirloskar in a 1966 violation of the same kind. And he said at that time: "How can I spare any one, however high and mighty he may be? Just because he wears a bow tie and a tuxedo or a dinner-jacket. I cannot excuse him and I intend to take action". And he humiliated Kirloskar and put him through a third degree treatment in effect because Mr. V. P. Singh wanted to show that he was 'Mr. Clean'. It is in this context why St. Kitts is important and why we must get to know the truth about it because this is the kind of things he has been doing.

Madam, on the 12th of February, in this House, in a Special Mention, I had, while referring to Fairfax enquiry, said that in my investigation I had come across a possibility that the commission collected on MMTC's purchase of copper was diverted to the United States into the account of somebody high and mighty and a part of it was used as payment to the Fairfax Company. I am not therefore jumping to conclusions on the basis of what has appeared in the newspaper. I have myself done this enquiry and I feel that there is a lot of *prima facie* matter in it.

Now look at the defence given by Mr. Ajey Singh. I do not know whether in his bouts of sanity, Mr. V. P. Singh advised his son to file his statement. But his statement exposes him. He says, he has been working for about 5 years or 4 years in the United States and his last salary was 55,000 dollars. Now I do not know what his starting salary was. But I do know United States very well because I lived for 10 years in the United States and I know that if a person working in a bank earned 55,000 dollars, then after subtracting for income-tax, New York State tax, New York city tax and rent payments, what you will have with you as take-home-pay would be just 25,000 dollars. That 25,000 dollars is roughly 2000 dollars a month and on 2000 dollars, nobody can save a pie in the United States, especially if he is living in the Yew York area. Now this person, assuming that he was getting 55,000 dollars right from the beginning, although he says that his last salary was 55,000 dollars, which means his earlier salary was

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lower, assuming that he was getting this much throughout, he could not have saved and acquired all the properties that he himself has shown. Of course, his property statement is not complete. It does not include all the properties he had acquired in India subsequently. He has not given the statement of properties that he has acquired in India in his capacity as a NRI. But leave aside that I would like to know from the Minister whether with the help of the Income Tax Department, he has assessed the property assessment that he has given. How could you, on a salary of 55,000 dollars, when you cannot save a pie out of that, have a ceiling of 100,000 dollars? Where did this 100,000 dollars come from? He owns shares in Megh Raj Company. It is an Indian sounding name, but it is owned by foreigners in London. And everybody in London knows that this company engages in havala rackets and indeed it has strong connections with Bombay where rupees are easily converted into foreign exchange through havala rackets. So how did he come to acquire this? If you have money—hard earned money—you are not going to invest it in such shady companies. Has the Minister bothered to enquire from Mr. Ajeya Singh why did he go for Megh Raj Company? This is a valid question and should be asked.

He has also invested in a copper producing company in East Africa. Why? What is this connection? I know I can suspect because I have got it on authority but I would like the Government of India to find out at the Government to Government level, from some African countries which we have been dealing with, namely the Central African countries where we have been buying copper from, as to what commission of that copper, which was to be legally transmitted back by the STC, had disappeared? The question is, where did it disappear? Everybody knows that the then Chairman of the STC held simultaneous responsibility of MMTC, while Mr. V. P. Singh was holding simultaneous responsibility of Commerce Ministry. That was the time when Mr. Arjun Singh was sent somewhere, I do not know higher or lower, but he was sent somewhere as Governor or something. Is that higher or lower? Anyway...At that stage, Mr. V. P. Singh held simultaneous responsibility. Therefore, there is a question in my mind, and I think the Government should investigate this as to whether the commission was diverted or not. And it can be found out. Everybody knows that the then Chairman of the STC|MMTC was a great personal friend of Mr. V. P. Singh, such a great personal friend that Mr. V. P. Singh fought tooth and nail to try and make him the Finance Secretary, and file notings do show that. And he and Mr. Gurumurthy, who presently works for the *Indian Express*, these are the two officers who Mr. V. P. Singh pushed hard to see that they were accommodated in the Government—Gurumurthy as Officer on Special Duty and S. V. S. Raghavan as Finance Secretary. Of course, he could not succeed, but the fact is that he thought very highly of these people. So the question is, where does all this lead to? The question is, what is the Government's opinion on this account? Sometime or the other it has to come to an opinion. I would say, in the context of all that I have told you, I find this very credible and indeed it is the responsibility, like some of my colleagues in the Opposition are insisting that the Prime Minister clarify, here it is Mr. V. P. Singh who should clari-

fy. And what do we find? That Mr. V. P. Singh is not clarifying. In fact, he has put up his son on the forefront and the son is taking all the beating. Mr. V. P. Singh is in the back, just making pious noises. This is, perhaps, typical of his character. Well, this character-flow is something which makes us wonder.

I have been in the Janata Party since its inception. The name "Janata Party" has now been hijacked by a bunch of imposters who call themselves as "Janata Dal". One of the reasons why I have to single them out for attack is to explain to the people that we are different that this has not any connection with the old Janata. They may have stolen the name "Janata" but they have nothing to do with Janata. And what is the Janata Dal? The Janata Dal President has bouts of insanity, has done time in the Agra Mental Hospital, and it is testified by no less a person than his own wife and in no forum less than the Allahabad High Court. And the Janata Vice-President, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, when he talked about value-based politics, I misunderstood him. I thought, when he went in for value-based politics, that he was talking about moral politics, but he literally meant "value-based politics" because all he had been doing was collecting money. When I came out with all that he had done, large sections of the media took a hostile attitude saying, "This is made up. How do you know?" And today, the Commission of Inquiry which has been established has proved it to the hilt. There are many more things. In fact, what the Commision of Inquiry has examined is not even the tip of the iceberg. It is the tip of the tip of the iceberg—such a small thing. Now, here is a Vice-President of this kind and, down the line, what about Mr. Ram Jethmalani? Mr. Ram Jethmalani talks about foreign accounts of other people. But what about the fee that was paid to him to defend Chandra Swami? Where was it deposited? If Mr. Ram Jethmalani is not able to tell you. I will be able to tell you I will give him first an opportunity to tell where and how much fee he got to defend Chandra Swami when Chandra Swami was having trouble with law, who paid that money, where it was paid and how much. There are so many other things that I could bring out.

The Minister himself tells about the Enforcement Directorate. What about the case of Madam Sitlani whom the Enforcement Directorate was to have caught but had disappeared? Today the lawyers are objecting to Judges listening to bail applications at their residences. But, for Madam Sitlani, Mr. Jethmalani got a Bombay High Court Judge on a Sunday, at his residence, while eating lunch, to give her bail. And, of course she jumped bail and ran away with Rs. 22 crores. What about that? It is in that cotext that I think this St. Kitts becomes important.

There the usual thing about forgery starts. I remember, when I came out with the Hershman matter and said that Hershman was asked to investigate 16 Opposition leaders, Mr. V. P. Singh prepared their dossiers and kept them, to blackmail them, perhaps because this was not there on the Government file. A whole scream was made about forgeries. But the fact of the matter is that seven people including the Janata Dal leader Mr. Chandrashekhar and the Janata Party President, Mr. Indubhai Patel, met Hershman, and Hershman confiremd the list of 16 names I had given to them, which was shown to them, He confirmed it. It is in this overall context, I think, that the St.

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Kitts matter is very important, and it is something which the people must know, the facts which people must know. I would like, therefore, the Minister to give us a complete report as soon as possible, and he should be able to bring this matter to conclusion and launch necessary prosecution in this.

Thank you, Madam Deputy Chairman.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : (बिहार) माननीय उपसभापति महोदया, अभी पूर्व वक्ता ने वी०पी० सिंह और बी०पी० सिंह के पुत्र के विदेशी खातों के बारे में जो बयान दिया और जो कुछ बताया उनको सुनकर आश्चर्य होने की बात नहीं । क्योंकि जब ये वित्त मंत्रालय में थे तो टेलीविजन पर एक प्रोग्राम आया था जनवाणी का । एक बार बजट के बाद जनवाणी के प्रोग्राम में यह जवाब दे रहे थे । उन श्रोताओं में प्रश्नकर्ता के रूप में इनकी धर्मपत्नी भी उपस्थित थीं । उन्होंने पूछा था कि मैं तो और किसी चीज के बारे में नहीं पूछना चाहती हूं क्योंकि उनको घर में पकाने के तेल के बारे में कोई चिन्ता नहीं है, नमक-चीनी के बारे में कोई चिन्ता नहीं हैं और दाल, चावल, आटे के बारे में कोई चिन्ता नहीं है । उन्होंने प्रश्न किया, कि पान मसाले की कीमत बढ़ाई है या नहीं । उन्होंने बड़े मुस्कराते हुये जवाब दिया कि थोड़ी सी बढ़ाई है । आपके लिए कोई कमी नहीं होगी । उस वक्त टेलीविजन के सामने बैठते हुये हमने सोचा था कि अगर हमारे देश के वित्त मंत्री ऐसे हों और ये इनकी धर्मपत्नी हों तो पता नहीं इस मुल्क को ये किधर ले जायेंगे । उस वक्त तो अगर ही लगाना था क्योंकि वह निकाले नहीं गये थे, उपस्थित थे । आज वे मगरमच्छ बन गये हैं । आज हर चीज सामने है । जैसा मेरे पूर्व वक्ता ने बताया कि हम न्यूयार्क और लंदन का सपना तो नहीं देख सकते हैं। साधारण गाँव का इंसान बड़े शहर बम्बई, कलकत्ता, मद्रास या दिल्ली में पढ़ने आता है तो अपने घर से राशन लाता है और पार्ट टाइम नौकरी करके या पार्ट टाइम पढ़ कर इतना पैसा नहीं बचा सकता है कि एक झुग्गी भी खरीद सके । इसलिए यह आश्चर्य की बात है कि इस महंगे शहर में रहकर उनके सुपुत्र श्रीमान अजयसिंह जी ने स्पेंसेर पार्क लंदन में फ्लैट खरीद लिया । कैसे खरीद लिया ? पूछा तो कहते हैं कि आपने यह फ्लैट जब ये नये-नये विदेश गये थे तब आपने खरीदा था और अब कहते हैं कि हमारे अंतकाल में मैंने नौकरी छोड़ी तो उस वक्त मेरी हायस्ट सैलरी 65 हजार डालर थी । जैसा कि हमारे पूर्ववक्ता ने बयान दिया है, जिन लोगों का पता है, वह जानते हैं कि न्यूयार्क में 55 हजार डालर कोई कीमत नहीं रखता है । वह मुश्किल से 20-22 हजार डालर सालाना बचा सकता है जो कि डेढ़ दो हजार डालर पर मंथ आता है । उसमें से हम देखें तो पता चलता है कि सीटी बैंक न्यूयार्क में इनका फिक्स डिपोजिट का हिसाब है यह हिसाब छोटा-छोटा लगता है क्योंकि लोगों से इन्होंने छोटा-छोटा हिसाब लिया है छोटी-छोटी कमीशन लेते रहे और वह फिक्स डिपोजिट में जमा किया । इन्होंने शुरुआत चार हजार पांच सौ डालर से की थी और यह शुरुआत करते करते मिलियन डालर में पहुंच गए । सोचने की बात यह है कि रोज-रोज यह पैसा कहां से आता था ? जो आदमी डेढ़ दो हजार डालर हर महीने बचा पाता था और उसमें से भी उसे अपना घर भी चलाना था, वह हर महीने कैसे इतने रुपये फिक्स डिपोजिट में जमा कर रहा था ? यह सोचने की बात है । हम लोग साधारण शहरों से आते हैं । कभी ध्यान से सोचें की इनके पास ऐसा क्या क्वालिफिकेशन था क्या इनके बराबर पढ़े लिखे लोग हमारे हिन्दुस्तान में बेकार नहीं पड़े हैं । मैं कहता हूं कि आप बम्बई, अहमदाबाद, कलकत्ता, दिल्ली और मद्रास किसी भी इम्प्लायमेंट एक्सचेंज में खड़े होकर या छोटे शहर के इम्प्लाईमेंट एक्सचेंज में खड़े होकर उस क्वालीफिकेशन के नौजवान की मांग करें तो 25-30 निकल आयेंगे परन्तु इस महानुभाव की उस बैंक में नौकरी किस की कृपा से मिली थी ? मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि जब इन्हें इस विदेशी बैंक की नौकरी मिली थी उस नौकरी

मिलने के वक्त इनके पिता श्री वी०पी० सिंह हिन्दुस्तान के किस मंत्रालय को देख रहे थे और उन्होंने उस बैंक को क्या-क्या फायदा कराया था । इस पर गौर करने की जरूरत है। सिर्फ इतना ही नहीं इस नौकरी के बाद उनके पिता श्री अपने आप को अम्बानी ग्रुप का सबसे बड़ा दुश्मन मानते थे । अम्बानी ग्रुप का इतना बड़ा दुश्मन मानते थे कि अम्बानी का "ए" सुनने के लिए भी तैयार नहीं थे और रिलायंस का "आर" सुनने के लिये भी तैयार नहीं थे ।

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उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, इलाहाबाद में जब वे लोकसभा का चुनाव लड रहे थे तो हर-जगह भाषण दे रहे थे कि रिलायंस का शेयर कम से कम मेरे परिवार का कोई सदस्य नहीं खरीद सकता । आज उनके पुत्र अजय सिंह खुद स्वीकार करते हैं कि हमारे रिलायंस कम्पनी में शेयर हैं। सिर्फ इतना ही नहीं जैसे मेरे पूर्व वक्ता ने बताया उनके पास मेघराज कम्पनी के शेयर में भी हैं । किसी छोटे शहर में सट्टा खेला जाता है तो उसकी कमाई वहां का थानेदार खाता है और किसी मुल्क से हवाला लिखा कर रुपये को डालर में और डालर को रुपये में चेंज किया जाता है तो उसकी कमाई ऐसे वित्त मंत्री खाते हैं जिसके हिसाब में मेघराज कम्पनी में अपने बेटे को उन्होंने शेयर दिलवाए और शेयर भी खाते के हिसाब मे नहीं बल्कि बाकायदा कमीशन के हिसाब से और महोदय, सिर्फ इतना ही नहीं इसके बाद इन्होंने कहा कि मेरे पुत्र का कोई भी विदेशी अकाऊंट नहीं है । सेंट किट्स की बात मैं बाद में करूंगा उनके सुपुत्र ने खुद स्वीकार किया कि स्विस बैंक में मेरा अकाऊंट था और स्विस बैंक का अकाउंट मैंने अभी जाकर कुछ दिन पहले बन्द किया है। वह अकाउंट क्या था और उस बैंक अकाउंट की बैलेंस-शीट क्या हमारी सरकार मांग कर सकती है और उस अकाउंट को देख सकती है उस पर छानबीन की जा सकती है ? महोदय, जब स्विस बैंक का हिसाब वह कहने को आयेंगे तो यह कहेंगे कि यह दुविधा है हमारे पास स्विस बैंक का अकाउंट डिमेक्लोज नहीं किया जा सकता है । पिछले दिनों में एक आर्टिकल पढ़ पढ़ रहा था "हाऊ टु ओपन फरेन बैंक अकाउंट विदाउट गोईंग टु फारेन" मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या ऐसा कोई उपाय है कि बिना विदेश गये अकाउंट खुल सकता है ? पासपोर्ट की कापी दिखाकर पास पोर्ट की फोटो कापी दिखा कर अकाउंट खोलते हैं जहां तक मैं जानता हूं । इन्होंने यह कहा कि वे सेंट किट्स कभी नहीं गये । सेंट किट्स जाने की जरूरत नहीं है ? आज तो आर्टिकल घर घर में छप रहे हैं कि विदेश जाने की जरूरत नहीं है । घर बैठे अकाउंट खोल लेते हैं क्योंकि इस दुनियां में कुछ ऐसे मुल्क हैं जिनकी कमाई, नेशनल इनकम सारी दुनियां के काले धन को लेकर होती है और जिस तरह से स्विटजरलैण्ड है उसी तरह से सेंट किट्स आइलैण्ड भी है उनकी सारी कमाई इसी तरह से होती है। मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से यह पूछना चाहूंगा कि उस फार्म के ऊपर ऐज-बेनिफिशियरी वी०पी० सिंह के हस्ताक्षर हैं या नहीं हैं । मैं यह भी आपके माध्यम से जानना चाहूंगा कि उसके साथ संलग्न जो कागज हैं उसमें वी.पी. सिंह के पासपोर्ट की प्रतिलिपि या अजयसिंह के पासपोर्ट की प्रतिलिपि उपस्थित है या नहीं ? महोदय, जितनी बात कही जाये उतनी कम है । पीछे गांव गांव जाकर कह रहे थे कि इतना पैसा होता तो स्कूल खोले जा सकते थे, इतना पैसा होता तो नलकूप खोले जा सकते थे, इतना पैसा होता तो हाउसिंग खोली जा सकती थी । मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से जानना चाहता हूं कि जब राजीव गांधी जी की सरकार बनी तो सरकार ने चारों तरफ बहुमुखी डेवलपमेंट करने की बात की और बात करने के साथ साथ एक सवाल उठा, हमारे इकनामिक एडवाइजर्स ने यह कहा कि बहुमुखी डेवलपमेंट किया जा सकता है किंतु उसके लिए जिस महत्वपूर्ण जांच की जरूरत है वह पैसा है । सरकार को पैसा चाहिए । तो हम लोगों ने एक विचार किया कि एन०आर०ई० इन्वेस्टमेंट कंट्री में हो । एन०आर०आइज की इन्वेस्टमेंट पर विचार किया गया । बाहर जो हमारे हिंदुस्तानी भाई भतीजे बैठे हुए हैं, जो वहां टेक्नालाजिस्ट लोग

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बैठे हुए हैं या जो व्यापार कर रहे हैं, जो पैसा है वे यहां हिंदुस्तान आकर लगाएं जिससे हम यहां नये नये कारखाने लगा सकें, लोगों को रोजगार दे सकें। पर यह बात वी० पी० सिंह को घर बैठे हुए नहीं सुखी रहीं थी कि अगर राजीव गांधी का यह सपना सच्चा हो गया और वाकई इस मुल्क के 5 करोड़ बेकारों को नौकरियां मिल गयीं और वाकई इन पांच वर्षों में बहुमुखी डेवलपमेंट हो गया तो हम कहीं के न रहेंगे। अतः इन्होंने उस राजीव गांधी के सपने के साथ-साथ इस मुल्क की 80 करोड़ जनता के सपनों को चूर चूर किया। वह कैसे किया? हर्षमैन को हायर करके। अभी प्रफुल्ल पटेल की बात कह रहे थे। मैं पीछे इंग्लैंड गया था और उनसे मिला था, एन०आर०आइज के पूरे इलाके के अध्यक्ष हैं और उन्होंने यह बात बताई कि साहब हमने जो पैसा यहां जमा किया है, हम यहां पर जो पैसा कमाते हैं मेहनत से हम सारा पैसा अगर यहां पर खाते में दिखा दें क्योंकि उन्होंने भी दो नम्बर के खाते रखे हैं, एन० आर० आइज हैं किसी तरह से अपनी कमाई करके बचा कर रखे हुए हैं तो उन्होंने कहा कि हम अपने मुल्क को पैसा भेजना चाहते हैं लेकिन यह हर्षमैन डबुल एजेंट है। यह एक तरफ तो एन०आर०आइज की इन्वेस्टमेंट की इन्क्वायरी करते है, एक तरफ हिंदुस्तान को देते हैं इन्क्वायरी की रिपोर्ट और दूसरी तरफ उस कंट्री को इन्फार्मेशन भेजते हैं कि भाई आपके यहां के ये हिंदुस्तानी अपना इतना पैसा डाइवर्ट करके हिंदुस्तान ले जा रहे हैं और वह पैसा अगर आपके मुल्क में लग जाये तो आपके मुल्क का डेवलपमेंट हो सकता है। वह सारा डेवलपमेंट डाइवर्ट होकर हिंदुस्तान जा रहा है। अतः इन सब एन०आर०आइज को खतरा पहुंचा और इससे मजबूर होकर एन०आर०आइ० ने हिंदुस्तान में इन्वेस्टमेंट बंद कर दी। कौन जिम्मेदार है? आज हमारे हिंदुस्तान की डेवलपमेंट अगर रुकी है तो कौन जिम्मेवार है? डेवलपमेंट के लिए जो पैसा चाहिए था जो इन्फा-स्ट्रक्चर तैयार करना था जो तकनीकी चाहिए थी और जो एन०आर०आइज के माध्यम से आ सकती थी जो कि हम हमवतन लोग हमारे भाई भतीजे, हमारे ही लोग विदेश से लाकर दे सकते थे उसको रोकने की सबसे बड़ी कोशिश वी०पी० सिंह ने की। इससे बड़ा मुल्क का गद्दार और कौन हो सकता है? उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, सिर्फ इतनी सी बात नहीं है। आज इस मुल्क को कमजोर करने की हर तरफ से कोशिश है और यह तो बड़े समुद्र में से सिर्फ एक मछली पकड़ी गयी है और उन्होंने अपने मुंह से इतना स्वीकार किया है कि इतना एकाउंट है।

महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहूंगा कि अजय सिंह को जो नोटिस दी गयी थी जो क्वेश्चनायर सबमिट किया गया था उसने उस सारे क्वेश्चनायर का जवाब दिया है या नहीं और अगर दिया है तो उसको इन्वेस्टीगेट करने के लिए हमने अपने यहां से कोई दल भेजा है या नहीं भेजा है। इस पर गौर करने की जरूरत है। इसके साथ-साथ उनके विदेशवास काल में उनका सम्पर्क किन-किन कम्पनियों के साथ था। उन्होंने तो बड़ी छोटी मोटी कम्पनियों के नाम दे दिये हैं। उन्होंने जिन कम्पनियों में शेयर की बात की है उनमें लाउडर लन्दन की कम्पनी है, पालीपैक पी०एल०बी० लन्दन की कम्पनी है, बिलफिंगटन लन्दन की कम्पनी है। इन सारी कम्पनियों में शेयर, और इन शेयरों के लिए पैसा कहां-कहां से आया और कब-कब इसकी पेमेंट हुई--इस पर विचार करने की जरूरत ...

एक माननीय सदस्य: कहीं बोफोर्स का तो पैसा नहीं है?

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया: मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से जो अहम मुद्दे पर पूछना चाहता हूं कि आखिरकार आज तक जितने नोटिस उनको भेजे गये, उनका जवाब ठीक-ठीक मिला है या नहीं मिला, इस पर क्या-क्या विचार किये गये हैं?

उसके साथ-साथ जो बात हमारे पूर्ववक्ता ने कही कि इनके पागलपन का सर्टिफिकेट देकर इलाहाबाद हाई कोर्ट

से भी भूटान की जमीन को छुड़ा लिया था, वह पागलपन का सर्टिफिकेट सही है या नहीं ? और अगर सही है, तो इनके लड़के के पागलपन का भी सर्टिफिकेट लेने की जरूरत है, क्योंकि उसने भी पूरा ब्यौरा सही दिया है या नहीं, इस पर भी सोचने की जरूरत है । ..(व्यवधान)

एक माननीय सदस्य : इलेक्शन से डिसक्वालिफाई कर दो ।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, बैंक की नौकरी के बावजूद कहां-कहां इनका सम्पर्क था और कहां-कहां, कितने-कितने दिन इन्होंने काम किया --जैसे कि बताया जाता है कि किस-किस कम्पनी में यह मेनेजिंग डाइरेक्टर बन गये थे कुछ दिन के लिए, किसी कम्पनी के चेयरमैन बन गये थे कुछ दिन के लिए ।

यह अठारह सौ शेयर खरीद करके ही चैयरमैन बने गये थे--उस कम्पनी में इन्वेस्टमेंट अठारह सौ शेयर के सिवाय और शेयरों के मालिक कौन हैं और उनके साथ इनका क्या रिश्ता है, यह जानने की जरूरत है ।

इन्हीं बातों को पूछते हुए मैं आपसे इजाजत चाहता हूं ।

धन्यवाद ।

SHRI MADAN BHATIA (Nominated): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the question which is confronting this hon. House after the statement which has been made by the hon. Minister and which is agitating the entire nation is whether the account in St. Kitts in the name of Ajeya Singh, the beneficiary of which is Mr. V. P. Singh, is a genuine account or is not a genuine account. If it is a genuine account, then it is not merely a question of a foreign account being maintained by an individual who happens to be an Indian. It raises far-reaching and far more momentous issues and one of those issues is the gigantic, hideous, political hypocrisy which has hit this entire nation in the form of Janata Dal led by V. P. Singh. The nation is being caught in the cob-web of a type of political hyporisy which has never been known in the history of India since Independence.

Sir, in relation to this account, I would like to place before this hon. House and for the consideration of the hon. Minister three or four damaging pieces of evidence to show that this account cannot but be a genuine account. When this account documents were published by some very responsible newspapers, Mr. V. P. Singh—I look at his conduct—kept silence and in consonance with his character, he adopted a devious course. He put forth the '*Indian Express*' which is in his pocket to fight as a proxy that is for him. And what was the defence or the explanation which was given by the 'Indian Express'? The 'Indian Express' merely dubbed these documents as a forgery. V. P. Singh was not allowed to get away, by other newspapermen, with this attack on the documents by the, Indian Express He was asked the point-blank question: Is this account a genuine account or is this account not a genuine account? And what is the explanation which he gives? He says, "There are thousands of Ajay Singhs in India and it need not be my son". Now his son comes down to India and what is his explanation about this account? He says, "I never visited St. Kitts". There are three different explanations given by three parties. The *Indian Express* gives the explanation of forgery. V. P. Singh gives the explanation of mistaken identity and his son gives the explanation of alibi. If these are the three explanations given with regard to one account from three persons or three enti-

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ties all of whom are acting in collaboration with each other, what would be the finding given by the court? The court is bound to return a finding that all these explanations are self-contradictory, they are lies and, in fact, this account is a genuine account. Then the second piece of evidence which incriminates Ajeya Singh and V. P. Singh is the statement filed by himself. He was not asked to give the statement of his assets. But when things started getting hotter under the collar for his father, namely, V. P. Singh, he lands down in India like the knight in a shammer's armour to protect the political skin of his father. He volunteers with this statement. And what does this statement say? There are three salient features with regard to the statement. One is that he keeps an escape route open for himself. He says "This is my statement for the time being, I am making this statement from my memory, I reserve my right to add to the statement." It is an amazing statement. Here is his son who is coming down to India for the specific purpose of protecting, saving, the image of his father, and he does not remember all the assets possessed by him abroad. Is it believable? I respectfully submit that this was nothing but an escape route kept by his son if, by chance, he is later caught in possession of other assets. This is one aspect. The second remarkable feature of this statement is its evasiveness. He enumerates his assets but it is found from the statement itself that the total value of his assets which he has acquired abroad is far in excess of his known sources of income. And he gives no explanation whatsoever as to how he has acquired the excess assets. The third remarkable feature of the statement is the gross suppression of facts. He does not disclose what his assets were before his father became the Commerce Minister. He does not disclose what his assets were before his father became the Finance Minister. He only discloses his present assets. But if he had given the breakup, it would have been found out during the tenure of his father as Commerce Minister what his assets were which he had acquired—during a period of only a few months because he remained Commerce Minister only for a period of a few months during the prime ministership of Mrs. Indira Gandhi. But he does not disclose this. He does not disclose what the assets were which he acquired during the tenure of his father as Finance Minister because that would have shown how during a short period of time he was able to acquire assets which he is trying to project as if they are the result of his service or his residence abroad a period of nine years. He is totally misleading the Directorate of foreign exchange. He is misleading the people and he

is trying to hoodwink this entire nation in order to save the political skin and the political image of his father, whose activities over a period of time have been exposed by my hon. colleague, Mr. Swamy. But there is nothing in the statement.

Then, let us look at his subsequent conduct. After he files the statement he is sent a notice. He does not reply. He starts prevaricating. Then what happens? Today we receive an amazing statement by him. He says: I should be treated at par with Mr. Win Chadha and with others. Well, Win Chadha had not come down to India to protect his father. Win Chadha was subjected to interrogation by the Directorate thoroughly in this country. A team of the Directorate went abroad to carry out a thorough investigation. He did not volunteer with a statement. Here is a man who volunteers with a statement. When there are loopholes found in his statement, he questions, he starts prevaricating. Now, today he raised a hullabaloo that he should be treated at par with persons like Win Chadha. What is he cribbing about? He has volunteered to come here to protect Mr. V.P. Singh, to protect the Messiah of the Opposition, to protect the Messiah of the value-based politics! And today he starts pleading that he should not be interrogated if Win Chadha is not interrogated, he should not be interrogated if Bachchans were not interrogated. Who tells him that the Bachchans were not interrogated? The whole team of the Directorate went abroad and carried out a thorough investigation and thorough interrogation abroad so far as the Bachchans were concerned. So is the case in the case of Win Chadha. And he makes this amazing statement in order to escape the net which is getting closer and closer around him and which is bound to expose him and his father!

I respectfully submit, Sir, that we are at a stage when the whole nation is going to the polls, when the entire people of this country are going to elect their representatives, their rulers, for the next five years. I shudder in my feet when I think of a person like V. P. Singh being voted even in his own constituency—a man who has got no regard for truth, a man who has got no regard for loyalty, a man who never blinks his eye before uttering a lie.

In this regard—this is important, Sir—before I close, I would like to submit that whenever any investigation is carried out the credibility of a witness is important, his truthfullness is important. How do we establish cases in the courts of law? One by circumstantial evidence, one by direct evidence, and third by the credibility of a witness. What is the credibility of Ajey Singh with which I have dealt? And what is the credibility of V.P. Singh?

Mr. Swamy has mentioned that he knows that V.P. Singh sold three plots and in regard to all the three plots he earned black money, under the table. Sir, with all responsibility, I know one gentleman who purchased one property from him. I will not name him. And I know and I can say on direct piece of evidence which has been conveyed to me, that he earned black money in the sale of that property to that particular gentleman. Today he says that he is holding a brief for political honesty in the country. Sir, what was his credibility as a witness before the Thakkar Commission? He calls for the file of the Defence Ministry in order to write a note on that file. He was totally incompetent to call for the

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and totally incompetent to write any note on that file. Before the Thakkar Commission he goes and makes a statement when he is questioned: "I never called for the file." And Mr. Pandey made a statement before the Thakkar Commission that he was asked by Mr. V. P. Singh to send the file of Fairfax to him and contradicts him totally on this account. This is the credibility of this witness who makes a statement on oath before a Commission of Inquiry. Are we going to accept the statements which are being made by this particular individual in order to protect himself when his accounts are being exposed? This is the credibility. I am giving only one instance of the credibility of this witness. It was discovered by the office of the hon. Prime Minister that this file had been summoned by him surreptitiously. That was 11th of March, 1987. A message went to him and he was asked to return the file immediately. What does he do? He starts shivering in his pants that his job is going to go. Then he adopts a devious course. On 11th of March itself, when that file was summoned from him, he writes a note about the submarine deal in order to prepare his pre-emptive political defence because he knew that after the reprehensible conduct in which he had indulged in summoning this file surreptitiously and writing a note as Defence Minister when he could not write that note, his game was up and he was going to lose his job. Then he prepares his pre-emptive political defence by writing a note about submarine deal in order to project himself, when he had lost his job, that he was for honesty in the Government of India. This is the character of this man. This character of the man, the credibility of this witness, has to be borne in mind when carrying out the investigation and finding out the truth whether this account is genuine or it is not genuine. Under Section 8 of the Evidence Act it is provided that the conduct of a person is a relevant piece of evidence in regard to a matter which is a matter in issue.

The last thing they are cribbing about is why this inquiry and why he is not being placed at par with Chaddha and others. What did Mr. V.P. Singh do? Was there any shred of evidence when he hauled up and put behind the bars a big industrialist who had contributed to the industrialisation of India like Kirloskar? He trampled under his feet the liberty of respected Indian citizens and threw the whole procedure of law to the winds. Today he and his son are clamouring from housetops for following a particular procedure and for not being treated at par. They do not know that so far as Win Chaddha and Bachchans are concerned, interrogation was carried out, investigation was carried out and teams were sent out. They have the temerity to say that they should be treated at par. In other words, there should be no inquiry against them. I would like the hon. Minister to consider these things and place the entire facts which come to light as a result of the investigation which is being carried out before this House or, if it is not completed during the duration of this House, before the people of India, before the nation and before the country so that their political hypocrisy is stripped naked before the people of India before they go to the polls to elect the future rulers of the country for the next five years. Thank you.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I heard the statement of the hon. Minister. Sir, the details

that have been furnished by the hon. Minister in the statement about the steps taken by this Government are welcome. Sir, the newspaper published the statement of account of Shri Ajeya Singh. And on the information furnished, the things got hot up. Shri V. P. Singh has said that his son had no bank accounts in foreign countries. Apart from that, he went to the extent of even saying that he had no shares purchased from the Reliance. Sir, I would like to say one thing that the hon. Janata Party Member of this House has categorically stated that Mr. V.P. Singh, according to his wife, is a person of lucid intervals. Sir, during the Allahabad election, there was an accusation against him when he was causing malice against the Congressmen, industrialists and everybody that Mr. V.P. Singh's son, Mr. Ajeya Singh had purchased shares from the Reliance. Mr. V. P. Singh, from the platform and also by issuing a statement has stated that his son has not purchased any s hares from the Reliance. Sir, I think, at the time when he was making the statement from the platform and while sending the statement, he was in lucid intervals. Apart from that, Sir, he has also stated that he believes in value-based politics. He said that he had the names of persons who have accounts in the Swiss Bank. He said that he has all the records with him. Sir, unfortunately, it is admitted by Mr. V. P. Singh's son himself that he had his bank account in Switzerland. Sir, kindly see the contradiction in the statement of Shri V. P. Singh and his son. Sir, after the publication of the statement in the press, Mr. Ajeya Singh, all of a sudden, on his own, comes to India, and he gives a press statement. Sir, what made him to give a press statement while coming here to India and telling that he had fixed deposits in the Citibank and he purchased a flat in London in the Spenser's Park, and he purchased shares in some other companies, and he also had accounts in Switzerland and that his assets relating to Allahabad are known to the Government? Sir, you go through the statement that has been furnished and the published statement of the money that has been kept in his account number which has been admitted by the signatories to the document, the Managing-Director Mr. Mclean and also the Director, Mr. Tonks. They said that it is their signature. Sir, kindly see the period in which the amounts have been deposited.

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On 16th September, 1986, it was 20 lakh dollars. Then, next month, on 10-10-1986, it was 20 lakh dollars. Then on the 13th December, 1986, it was 5 lakh dollars. And the balance amount as per the account was about 50 lakh dollars. Sir, this was in 1986. This was the period in which Mr. V. P. Singh was the Finance Minister. Sir, this is a relevant thing which I would like to tell the present Finance Minister. When Mr. V. P. Singh was the Finance Minister, in a period of intervals, that is, in the ninth month in the 10th month and also in the month of December, 1986, amounts have been deposited. Sir, I take the responsibility and say before this House that this money which was deposited by Mr. Ajeya Singh had been taken from here. That is the money of Mr. V. P. Singh, that is the ill-gotten money. And this money has been taken there and deposited by Mr. Ajeya Singh, his son. Sir, I further want to say that the house which he purchased in London, Spencer Park, he says it cost

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him 28,000 pounds. Sir, nobody will imagine that a flat is being sold in London for only pounds 28,000. Mr. Subramanian Swamy is here, he can tell me whether it can be a fact. Because, Sir, London is the costliest place in the world and then Spencer Park is a posh area also. He says that he purchased a flat there for only pounds 28,000. This clearly shows that Ajeya Singh is a tool in the hands of his father and he took all the money from here and this money has been deposited in various banks, including the Swiss banks.

Then, Sir, I would like to say one more thing. Ajeya Singh rushes back to India. He gives a statement to the press and says that these accounts have been forged, the calculations are not correct, interest calculations are not correct. But the persons who are signatories to the documents, when they were asked by the authorities, they have stated and Mr. Mclean has stated, that their signatures are genuine and the account number remains. These are the two important aspects of this case. These are the two important corroborations by those persons who were responsible persons in that particular corporation. Sir, material is available with the Government of India and there is admission by those authorities that the account number is remaining and it is their signature. Then the Government of India gives a questionnaire to Ajey Singh, as the hon. Minister has stated. But he has been evading answers to the questionnaire that was sent to him. According to the version of Ajey Singh between 1977 and 1983 he earned only a meagre amount. In 1983 he joined the City Bank. When he joined the City Bank, his father, V. P. Singh, was the Finance Minister and only through the influence of his father he got a job in the City Bank. Apart from that he also says that his income per annum is $ 55,000 only. Sir, as calculation has been given by Shri Subramanian Swamy, with $ 2,000 a month one cannot live in New York city and Ajeya Singh is the person who makes the statement that he had only very little money for his survival. Then how could he get this much of money amounting to $ 50 million?

Then I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has furnished any documentary proof like title deeds and sale deeds in regard to the property purchased by him in London and any documentary proof in regard to his bank balances. He talks about three fixed deposits and purchase of house. Has he produced any documents before the officials of the Finance Ministry to convince them about the bona fides of these transactions?

Then, Sir, if Ajey Singh really feels that the accounts have been forged and the signatures are forged signatures, he can very well take proceedings against those persons who are responsible for it, the publishers of the news item, and also against the former managing director, Mr. Mclean and Mr. Thomas. But he has not taken any proceedings against them. No legal proceedings have been taken by him against them. When the press asked him what action you are going to take, he says it is not a legal issue, it is a moral issue. When a person says that signatures have been forged, when a person says that the document is not true, and that document has been connected with that person.

what that aggrieved person would normally do is to take the natural course of going to the court to disprove the document. But he says this is a moral issue. This clearly shows that the document is genuine and the money has been passed on and deposited by Ajeya Singh in the First Trust Corporation. Apart from that, this money has been taken from his father. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether any permission has been given to him by the Government of India, as NRI, to purchase the house in 1982 in London. This is a very serious issue. This relates to Indian money going abroad. What is the total amount which he deposited in Switzerland? Nothing has been known till this day. There are so many uncleared doubts which still remain to be answered. Even as per the hon. Minister's statement, the questionnaire sent to him has been answered vaguely. These are serious issues. What is the amount for which the property was purchased? What is the document for it and was any permission given by the Government of India to the NRI to purchase that property, and has he substantiated his version by documentary evidence? I want the Government of India to take serious action to prove before the country that the person who is preaching value-based politics, who says that he is going to remove corruption, is himself indulging in corruption. He has corruption in his own house which he should remove.

With these words, I conclude. Thank you.

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY (West Bengal): We did not get a copy of the Minister's statement. Usually these are circulated to the Members. And this is an important statement. No Member has received a copy.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Since the statement came as a result of the demand made in the morning by the Members, this statement was made. I think the Minister is there to take steps in that regard.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I gave a copy on the Table.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL (Uttar Pradesh): We do not have the statement before us.

Mr. Vice-Chairman, it is a very peculiar case in which a son has come back to India to rescue his father from ignominy due to corruption. Also, the father is trying to save his son, but I think the son has been brought here just to the rescue of his father. The father, as we know, has been a great liar. When he was contesting Allahabad seat, he had money from Haji Mastan, and when it was pointed out by many of us, including myself, he denied it flatly. He said he had no money from him, and some weeks back, Haji Mastan himself admitted and said that he gave money to V.P. Singh for the election and he could prove it. So, V. P. Singh has been a great liar and we should not wonder if still the father and the son are telling a lie not only to the Government but to the whole country and to the whole world perhaps. Today, and earlier also, Ajeya Singh said that he is being harassed by the Government. He said that he should be equated with
6.00 P.M. Win Chadha and Amitabh Bachchan. In case of Win Chadha as soon as there was a *prima facie* case investigations were on. Win Chadha had to come to India and he had

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to be cross-examined. The same happened in the case of Amitabh Bachchan. As soon as the Government of India came to know or it was brought to their notice that there was something fishy about him, a team of investigation went to Switzerland, enquired against him and came back. Similarly, in the case of Bofors our Governmental agencies concerned have been trying to investigate the case. But what happend in the case of Ajeya Singh? The authorities sent him a letter to give details of his property. He ignored that letter. A second letter was sent to him to give the details of his property and he ignored that letter too. It was only when the third letter was issued to him and it was mentioned therein that if he did not comply, action will be taken against him, he came out with some details of his assets that are now known to all of us, that were published in various newspapers.

As one of my learned friends said, V. P. Singh virtually denied when he was told that his son had purchased shares and land. Now the son who has come to the rescue of his father himself admits that, yes, I have taken 1800 shares and land. Both of them are liars. This is what I want to prove. Both are liars and if both are liars, then the details of their properties must be wrong as given by them, they must be having much more.

We have not yet forgotten that at first V. P. Singh donated his land for the bhoodan movement and then to get back that land his wife filed an affidavit that he was mentally insane. Who was wrong? Was he wrong, was his son wrong or who was wrong? The hole family...

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH (Gujarat): Obviously, his wife was right.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: The whole family seems to be a pack of liars. V. P. Singh did not contest that he was not insane and he got back the land. It has been alleged by many that for small bushes in his land he got the cost of trees from that Judge who had been obliged by him in Allahabad. So, this is the story of the family, not only of the father and the son but his wife also. And it is a matter of shame that such a man today is supposed to be the leader of the total opposition, except of course Mr. Subramanian Swamy's party, Janata Party. The entire opposition which is not sitting here today to listen to the correct ways of their leader and his family, they are all behind him.

Today what happened in the morning when Mr. Prime Minister was speaking here? Or before he had come here. When he was speaking here, the Opposition was calling names to the Prime Minister and they had come to the well, they had snatched the mikes. With impunity, they were calling names to the Prime Minister, while the Prime Minister had himself said in the Lok Sabha that no one from his family had anything to do with any payment regarding Bofors. And even today *The Hindu* has not been able to prove that Rajiv Gandhi has had anything to do with the payments made in connection with the Bofors to Svenska or anybody else. What has Mr. Rajiv Gandhi to do with it? It was Mr. V. P. Singh, who was the Finance Minister then. It was Mr. V. P. Singh who was mainly responsible for the whole thing. Otherwise he could not have signed. This was what was said by

his successor, Mr. Narayan Datt. Tiwari. He said: "Had I been in his place, I would not have done it; I would have verified the whole thing". It is the bounden duty of every Finance Minister. Why should he sign it unless he is personally satisfied that it is a genuine case and the payment has to be made or the sanction has to be accorded? So, Sir, it is indeed a matter of shame that such a man, such a liar, who had once been mentally insane, according to his own wife, is today leading the Opposition and the entire press seems to be behind them. That is a matter of personal chagrin for me that but for a few, the whole press is with them. I won't name any paper or magazine or this or that. Yesterday I was reading a monthly magazine's October issue in which so many things of corruption have been mentioned about NTR, about Mr. Hegde, about Mr. V. P. Singh, about Mr. Jyoti Basu also, about Mr. Devi Lal, the top man. But such magazines are very rare and such sections of the press are very rare which are really interested in the welfare of the common man and the country. If such liars come to the Government tomorrow, what will happen to the country? I say "if", for which they are trying and for which they say this or that or call names to the Prime Minister.

My only submission to the Finance Minister and to the Government of India is that unless all investigations are completed regarding the properties of Mr. Ajeya Singh and his father—because I think a petition was submitted to the President also regarding Mr. V. P. Singh's properties and how much income-tax he has evaded and how much property he illegally owns—neither Mr. V. P. Singh nor his son, Mr. Ajeya Singh, should be allowed to leave the boundaries of this country. They must not be allowed to go. Let all the investigations be complete. Mr. Ajeya Singh has not stated how much income-tax he was paying in which year and how much income-tax he is paying now. No details have been given. So it is all a very fishy matter. We have to go into detail. There has to be a detailed probe into the properties owned by Mr. V. P. Singh not only in Delhi, not only in Allahabad, not only in Manda, but as my friends have said, in Switzerland, in Swiss accounts or anywhere in the world —in London also, maybe in Nepal also because some of the people belonging to the Opposition have been to Nepal also to deposit their properties I know. So all these investigations must be made thoroughly and the results must be brought before Parliament for discussion and only then Mr. V. P. Singh, or Mr. Ajeya Singh or any member of their family should be allowed to leave this country. Thank you very much.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी ...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री भीर्जा हर्शाबेग) : शार्ट में कीजिएगा ।

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : बहुत शार्ट में जब आप आदेश देंगे मैं बंद कर दूंगा ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री भीर्जा हर्शाबेग) : आदेश की आवश्यकता ही न पड़े ।

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, प्रातःकाल सदन में हमने मांग की थी कि इस देश को अस्थिर करने वाले विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह के पुत्र के नाजायज विदेशी एकाउन्ट के संबंध में सरकार वक्तव्य दे और फेलेरियो जी पहले मंत्री हैं--इसी सदन में बार-बार सामूहिक रूप से और इंडिवीजुअली मांग

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की गयी थी । वी० पी० सिंह के करप्शन और उनके विदेशी संबंधों में लेकिन आज तक आपकी सरकार ने आपके माध्यम से मैं सरकार से कहना चाहता हूं कि उस पर कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की लेकिन वित्त मंत्री श्री फलेरियो ने आज इस सदन में हमारी मांग को पूरा किया है इसके लिए हम उनके कृतज्ञ हैं और विश्वास करते हैं कि हम जनता के चुने हुए प्रतिनिधि जो तथ्य उनके सामने लायेंगे जो सच्चाई है, वे उसकी जांच करायेंगे और इसका सबसे सही तरीका है कि वी० पी० सिंह का लड़का हो या किसी का लड़का हो, लड़के से हमारा कुछ लेना देना नहीं है, वी० पी० सिंह ने खुद अपने लड़के से कैरियर का काम लिया है और इस देश की अरबो, खरबों रुपए की सम्पत्ति विदेशों में जमा की है और यह तथ्य अगर गलत सिद्ध हो तो मैं माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, कहना चाहूंगा कि जो सजा मुझे देना चाहें दे सकते हैं । मैं इस सर्वोच्च सदन में रिकार्ड कराना चाहता हूं कि खरबों रुपए की सम्पत्ति वी० पी० सिंह ने दुनिया के विभिन्न बैंकों में जमा की है और उनके बेटे अजय सिंह ने उनके लिए कैरियर का काम किया है ।

मैं कुछ तथ्यों की ओर ध्यान दिलाना चाहूंगा । उनके पुत्र ने कहा है कि मेरे पिता 60 सौ करोड के केन्द्रीय बजट से निपटते थे । देश का सारा बैंकिंग तंत्र उनके अख्तियार में था सारी एक्साइज और कस्टम ड्यटीज पर उनकी पकड़ थी । स्वयं वी० पी० सिंह के पुत्र ने इसको स्वीकार किया है और वित्त मंत्री रहते हुए, कामर्स मंत्री रहते हुए, अन्य मंत्रालयों का काम देखते हुए वी० पी० सिंह ने इस देश की योजनाओं का जनता के लिए उपयोग में आने वाली धनराशि का विभिन्न माध्यमों से दुरुपयोग किया है और उसे विदेशों में जमा किया है ।

जहां तक अभी मंत्री महोदय और हमारे माननीय सदस्य कह रहे थे उसमें जो तथ्य की बात आई उसके अनुसार हम बताना चाहेंगे कि इसी सदन में हमने आरोप लगाया था जैसा अन्य माननीय सदस्यों ने कहा कि वी० पी० सिंह की तस्करों से सांठ गांठ है और हाजी मस्तान ने अपने साथियों से रुपया लेकर उनको दिया और उन्होंने वादा किया था कि हम माइनारिटीज का जब प्रश्न आयेगा तो आपका साथ देंगे और चाहे रशदी की किताब का मामला आया बम्बई में, चाहे मुसलमानों की हत्या, राम मन्दिर और बाबरी मस्जिद का मामला आया तथा वे चुप रहे तो हाजी मस्तान ने कहा कि आपको इसका मजा मैं आने वाले चुनावों में चखाऊंगा । इतना ही नहीं माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं रिकार्ड कराना चाहता हूं कि वी० पी० सिंह के भाई माननीय न्यायाधीश चन्द्रशेखर सिंह का मर्डर हो गया और उसकी इन्क्वायरी वी० पी० सिंह ने खुद बैठायी मुख्य मंत्री रहते हुए और एकाएक वी० पी० सिंह ने इस्तीफा दे दिया । 4800 निर्दोष हरिजन निर्दोष पिछले वर्गों के लोग डाकू उन्मूलन के नाम पर उनके मुख्य मंत्रित्व काल में मारे गए । यहां तक कि वह व्यक्ति अपने भाई को भी नहीं बचा सका और उनकी हत्या हुई । इसकी इन्क्वायरी हो रही है । मैं आपके माध्यम से इस सदन को बताना चाहता हूं कि आज भी चन्द्रशेखर सिंह की पत्नी ने जो वी० पी० सिंह की सगी भौजाई है इलाहाबाद में केस कर रखा है और अगर प्रवर्तन निदेशालय उससे गवाही ले, तो बहुत से तथ्य सामने आयेंगे । सम्पत्ति के लालच में जो व्यक्ति अपने भाई के मर्डर करवाने का प्लाट रच सकता है, वी० पी० सिंह अगर वह इस तरह के दुष्कृत कर सकता है, और उसके बाद इस्तीफा दे देता है—उसका एजेंट आज इस सदन में नहीं आया, राम जेठमलानी, वह हर्गर से जाकर मिला और अमरीकन सीनेट का वह सदस्य है जो कैलिफोनिया से आता है, जो तस्करों का दुनिया में सब से बडा अड्डा है, और वहां उसने कहा कि हम वी० पी० सिंह को प्राइम मिनिस्टर और हेरडे को डिप्टी-मिनिस्टर बनाने आए हैं। हम सोशलाइजेशन और समाजवाद तथा जनतंत्र

अपने देश में नहीं लाना चाहते, बल्कि प्राइवेटाइजेशन करना चाहते हैं अपने देश में, जसे कभी राजाओं की एक पार्टी थी, उसने राजाओं के बल पर चलाना चाहा था ।

उसी तरह से उसका एजेंट इस सदन का एक अदम सदस्य जाता है विदेशों में और सीनेट में जब प्रस्ताव रखा जाता है कि भारत को दी जाने वाली सहायता बंद कर दी जाए, तो 104 वोट सहायता बंद करने के लिए पडते हैं और 112 वोट पड़ते हैं कि भारत को सहायता दी जाए । आठ वोट से भारत को सहायता अमरीकन सीनेट से जो आर्थिक सहायता मिल रही है और उसका प्लाट रचने वाला, वी० पी० सिंह, अपने एजेंट के माध्यम से अमरीका की सहायता से—क्या अमरीका उसको प्रधान मंत्री बनाएगा ?

माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि वी० पी० सिंह ने इस देश में अस्थिरता पैदा की है, राष्ट्रद्रोह किया है, राष्ट्रीयता को खतरे में डाला है और विदेशी लोगों के बहकावे पर—अभी चर्चा हुई कि हर्षमैन जो उन्होंने फाइनेंस मिनिस्ट्री की फाइल दे दी और उस फाइल के माध्यम से हर्षमैन सी० आई० ए० का रिटायर्ड डायरेक्टर था और उस डाइरेक्टर के माध्यम से भारत की अर्थ-व्यवस्था का नियमन, जांच एक सी० आई० ए० का रिटायर्ड डायरेक्टर और प्राइवेट कम्पनी करे, किसने दी थी यह ? वी० पी० सिंह ने दी थी । न हमारे सदन के सदस्यों को कान्फिडेंस में लिया गया था, न कैबिनेट को कान्फिडेंस में लिया गया था न ही प्रधान मंत्री को कान्फिडेंस में लिया गया था ।

ऐसे व्यक्ति का पुत्र कहता है—मैं उसी के बयान में से चार-छह पंक्तियां उद्धृत करूंगा । अखबार वाला पूछता है :

प्र०—बाहर आपकी अर्जित संपत्ति—आजकल आप कितना कमाते हैं ?

उ०—5500 डालर सालाना ।

प्र०—यह तो कोई खास रकम नहीं हुई ?

उ०—हां, यह तो खास नहीं है ।

प्र०—बाहर आपकी कितनी अर्जित संपत्ति है ?

उ०—अक्टूबर, 1982 में मैंने लंदन के स्पेंसर पार्क में 28,000 पौंड में एक फ्लैट खरीदा था । चूंकि मेरे पास इतना सारा पैसा नहीं था ...

सन् 1982 में वी० पी० सिंह सरकार में आ चुका था और उनके लड़के ने जो फ्लैट खरीदा है, मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि उस फ्लैट का वर्तमान बाजार भाव क्या है ? क्या उसकी जांच करवाई गई है ? उसकी मार्केट वैल्यू क्या है ? वह यह सदन को बतायें ।

इसके अलावा न्यू यार्क सिटी बैंक में उसके चार फिक्सड डिपाजिट हैं और लंदन के बर्कलेज में उसका फिक्सड डिपाजिट है ।

आई० आर० ए० के साथ मेरी 2200 डालर की रिटायरमेंट प्लान है और एबे नेशनल बिल्डिंग सोसायटी में 100 पौंड से कम का ।

प्रश्न—और शेयर आदि ?

उ०—तो शेयर में कहता हैं कि रिलाइंस इंडस्ट्रीज में 1800 शेयर, और लान्हो प्लेक में भी शेयर हैं । उनसे बोनस में मिले शेयर जोड कर संख्या बताई है ।

पोली प्लेक में उनके शेयर हैं ।

इतना ही नहीं, उन्होंने जो अपना खाता नम्बर दिया है, कहते हैं कि हम विदेश नही गए । अजय सिंह नाम का और कौन हो सकता है ? क्या वी० पी० सिंह का लड़का अजय सिंह नहीं है ? मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि वी० पी० सिंह का लड़का अजय सिंह है कि नहीं ? अगर कोई दूसरा अजय सिंह हो सकता है, तो हमारा प्रवर्तन निदेशालय हमारी सरकार इतनी बचकानी, अयोग्य नहीं है

[डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय]

वह असली आदमी का पता नहीं लगायेगी जो खाता वी० पी० सिंह के पुत्र का है ।

उतना ही नहीं, बल्कि उन्होंने इस देश में—उसकी शुरुआत करेक्टर और कैरियर की जो हुई है, वह विनोबा जी का झोला लेकर घूमता था और अपनी जमीन बचाने के लिए सारी जमीन दान कर दी । इधर उसकी पत्नी ने कहा कि वह पागल हो गया है । आगरा में उसकी जांच हुई और उधर फिर उसने सम्पत्ति ले ली । राम जानकी ट्रस्ट और दहिया ट्रस्ट के हजारों एकड़ जमीन जाली ट्रस्ट बना करके उसने कब्जा किया । क्या मंत्री महोदय उसकी जांच करायेंगे, —मैं जानना चाहता हूं ? क्या मंत्री महोदय इससे इन्कार कर सकते हैं कि 90 लाख रुपये पौधा रोपण के नाम पर, जब मुख्य मंत्री थे तो अपने जिले में अपने स्थान पर झाड़ियों को पौधे गिना करके लिए । इतना ही नहीं, अपने बेटे को माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जो, हम सब इस सदन के सदस्य हैं, आज हमको, आपको अपने बटे को क्लर्क की नौकरी दिलवानी हो तो मुश्किल होती है । हम सभी सदस्य हैं और वी० पी० सिंह पर कौन सा सुरखाब का पर लग गया था कि उनके लड़के को तुरन्त सिटी बक में नौकरी दे दी गई ? वित्त मंत्री रहते हुए और कामर्स मंत्री रहते हुए इस देश की अर्थ व्यवस्था को दूषित करने का व्यक्तिगत हित में सत्ता की दलाली कर करोड़ों डालर रुपये की सम्पत्ति को विदेशों में अर्जित करने का पाप वी० पी० सिंह ने किया है । मैं मांग करूंगा और मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि राष्ट्रीयता से बढ़ करके कोई चीज नहीं होती है । धरती माता है और बेट मां का सौदा नहीं किया करते । मां का सौदा करने वाला जो वी० पी० सिंह धरती माता का हमारे राष्ट्र का है उसकी विदेशों में जो सम्पत्ति है क्या आप नेशनल सिक्योरिटी एक्ट में उसे गिरफ्तार करेंगे और उस पर इन्क्वायरी कमीशन बैठाने को तैयार है ताकि सच्चाई जनता के सामने आ सके ? जनता देख सके कि इस राष्ट्र को तोड़ने वाला एक व्यक्ति वी० पी० सिंह जो इस देश को तबाह कर रहा है, विरोधी दल एक ही बात राजीव गांधी, राजीव गांधी, राजीव गांधी रटते हैं, उनको अपनी कोई नीति नहीं है, कोई सिद्धांत नहीं है, कोई कार्यक्रम नहीं है, जिसको हमने कांग्रेस से निकाल दिया, चाहे बीजू पटनायक हो, चाहे वी० पी० सिंह हो, चाहे और कोई हो, उसको सिरमौर बना करके चलते हैं और वी० पी० सिंह को फुटबाल की तरह खेल रहे है । अजेय सिंह का जो भी एकाउंट है वह सारी सम्पत्ति का वारिस मालिक वी० पी० सिंह हैं और वी० पी० सिंह दूध का धुला हुआ बनता है, ईमानदार बनता है । उससे बड़ा बेईमान विश्व के जनतंत्र में भ्रष्टाचारी, विश्वासघाती, धोखेबाज, दगाबाज और राष्ट्रद्रोही इस देश में कोई दूसरा नहीं पैदा हुआ । सारी धरती पर पैदा नहीं हुआ है । अगर यह सिद्ध न हो तो आप कोई भी सजा दे दें । लेकिन सरकार को चाहिए कि जब हम संसद सदस्य कोई बात करते हैं तो उसका वजूद दे । बार-बार हमने इस चीज को उठाया, सामूहिक रूप से सारे सदस्यों ने हस्ताक्षर करके दिया । राष्ट्रपति ने आदेश दिया, ज्ञानी जैल सिंह ने कि जांच कराएं, लेकिन आज तक कुछ नहीं हुआ । इन सब पर एक कमीशन बैठाया जाए और पार्लियामेंट की एक कमेटी इन्क्वायरी के लिए बैठाई जाए । वी० पी० सिंह के सारे काले कारनामे भ्रष्टाचार और जितना उसने नीचतापूर्ण कार्य किया, जो आदमी अपने भाई का मर्डर सम्पत्ति के लालच में करवाने का प्रयास कर सकता है, मैं पूरे उत्तरदायित्व के साथ कहता हूं कि अगर वी० पी० सिंह की भौजाई की गवाही ली जाए तो यह बात सिद्ध हो सकती है और लें मंत्री महोदय, मैं मांग करता हूं जो इतना नीचे आदमी है वह कसे इस देश के विरोधी दलों का नेतृत्व करने की सामर्थ्य रखता है और विरोधी दलों पर हमें चिंता होती है । अजेय सिंह का एकाउंट . . .

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री भीखा इर्शाबेग) : माननीय डाक्टर साहब विशेषणों का थोड़ा सा ख्याल रखें ।

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्षमा करेंगे, अगर असंसदीय शब्द निकल गया हो, म कोशिश कर रहा हूं कि ससदीय भाषा का ही प्रयोग करूं ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग) : अब आप खत्म कीजिए ।

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : मैं समाप्त कर रहा हूं । जितने आरोप हमने लगाए हैं इस सदन में, अगर सरकार नाम की कोई चीज है, आपके माध्यम से मैं मंत्री महोदय से कहना चाहता हूं तो उन सारे आरोपों का हमको भी नोटिस दिया जाए, हम सिग्नेटरीज हैं, हम कोई स्ट्रीट वाकर्ज नहीं हैं, जन-प्रतिनिधि हो करके यहां पर आए हैं और हमने जो आरोप लगाए हैं वी० पी० सिंह पर, उनके परिवारवाद,

(उपसभापति पीठासीन हुई)

उनके भ्रष्टाचार, और उनके विदेशी ताल्लुकों पर तस्करों से, उन सब की जांच कराई जाए और हर हालत में वी०पी० सिंह को नैशनल सैक्योरिटी एक्ट में गिरफ्तार करके ऐसी कार्यवाही की जाए कि भविष्य में कोई भी राष्ट्र का सौदा करने का साहस न करे और उनके सारे एकाउंट जब्त किए जाए तथा कड़ी से कड़ी सजा दी जाए । धन्यवाद ।

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Punjab): Madam Deputy Chairman, it is now well known as to what crazy actions, blind ambitions have driven Mr. V. P. Singh to. I won't have risen to seek clarifications on this statement. After all, that has been said by my colleague. But what disturbs me is that here is a person who because of his unlimited and blind ambitions is out to utilise the ill-gotten money to destabilise the system in our country. When in a show of some sort of unique unity amongst the Opposition groups, certain Members in the other House resigned, it was the talk of the town that huge sums of money had been promised to them and Madam, in unison with the self-proclaiming supremo of Haryana, it is now also known that Mr. V. P. Singh is encouraging other Members of his Janata Dal to raise a team of party workers under different guises in different States, for example, the Green Brigade in Haryana to look after their election machinery. Then Green Brigade is nothing but recruitment of goons in Haryana to ensure that rigging of the booths is resorted to on a large scale. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would conduct an inquiry into the circumstances in which that force is being raised and the source from where the money which is promised to them is coming, whether there is a connection between the money being given in large amounts to the members of the Green Brigade and the assets in the name of Mr. V. P. Singh and other Opposition leaders? Thank you, Madam.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Madam Deputy Chairman, as I have said in my main statement, investigations are in progress. Investigations cannot be completed until and unless Shri Ajeya Singh gives information on several matters about which he has been queried in the different directives which I have mentioned in my main statement. In the last reply, he has asked for further time to submit material particulars which are required from him. He has asked for further time. He has submitted that he needs further time and that is how it stands at this point.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: How much time he has asked for?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: He has not mentioned how much time but he has asked for some time.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: The investigation must be completed before the elections so that he cannot befool the whole country.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Actually the Members want to know how much time the Government is giving to him. Whatever time he has asked for is all right.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: As I have mentioned in my statement, we have got his reply, if I am not mistaken, on the 9th of this month. Today is 11th. So, we have to work it out and that is how it stands and that is the position. However, in the context of the different queries raised by the hon. Members, I can make these firm statements at this stage. Number one is that the assets, as disclosed by him, are in their value disproportionate to the sources of income disclosed by him or to his known sources of income. Number two is that all the available evidence points to the genuineness of this account in St. Kitts with Mr. Ajeya Singh as account holder and Mr. V. P. Singh as a beneficiary. Thank you, Madam.

THAKUR JAGATPAL SINGH (Madhya Pradesh): How much time it will take?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: As I said, it depends on information ... (*Interruptions*).

THAKUR JAGATPAL SINGH: If he does not submit information within six months or one year or two years, will the enquiry be conducted or not?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: If the Government is convinced that his assets are disproportionate to this declared sources of income, then I think on that alone the Government can initiate action and initiate action on the other aspects a little later.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, I sought a specific clarification from the hon. Minister. Ajeya Singh has given a declaration that he has purchased a flat in Spencers Park at London in 1982. I sought a clarification from the hon. Minister whether he obtained permission as an NRI from the Government of India for purchasing that flat. What was the total amount he mentioned? This information will be with the Minister. I would like to know from the Minister whether he got any permission from the Government of India to purchase that flat.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: We are investigating all these matters. The matter is under investigation. Whatever I could disclose at this point of time, I have disclosed.

ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER BUSINESS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held today, the 11th October, 1989, allotted time for Government legislative and other business as follows:—

	Business	Time Allotted
1.	Resolution regarding continuance of President's rule in the State of Karnataka	2 hrs. 30 mts.
2.	Resolution regarding continuance of President's rule in the State of Punjab	2 hrs. 30 mts.
3.	The Direct Tax Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1989	1 hr.
4.	The Customs (Amendment) Bill, 1989	1 hr.
5.	Resolution regarding modification of arbitration in respect of certain categories in Defence establishments	2 hrs.
6.	Short Duration Discussion on the communal situation in the country	2 hrs. 30 mts.
7.	Short Duration Discussion on the rise in prices of essential commodities	2 hrs. 30 mts.